

Diamonds in the Rough:

Mining Every Child's Potential

Cost: \$125 includes fruit and cheese tray Friday
buffet breakfast and lunch Saturday
\$40 student

Dyslexic Conference

March 16 and 17, 2012
Sky Ute Casino • Ignacio, Colorado

Keynote Presentations:

Friday, March 16th 7 - 9 pm
Registration, Fruit & Cheese tray 6:15-7

**Keynote: You Don't Have to Pay an
Arm & a Leg to Teach an Ear & an Eye**

Diana is an icon. She has spent a lifetime working with dyslexic students and training teachers. She founded Camp Dunnabeck, the definitive model for summer programs for dyslexic kids. She founded the Kildonan School, an internationally renowned school of excellence for dyslexic students. She's an author of several texts and workbooks and has received numerous honorary doctorates. She was a founding member of the International Dyslexic Association Foundation receiving the prestigious Samuel T. Orton Award in 1990. She is in high demand nationally as a presenter.

Saturday, March 17th 8:15 - 10 am
Registration & Breakfast 7 - 8:15

**Keynote: Batteries NOT Included:
Motivating the Reluctant Learner**

Rick Lavoie has served as an administrator of residential programs for children with special needs since 1972. He holds three degrees in Special Education and has served as an adjunct professor or visiting lecturer at numerous universities and has been awarded several honorary doctorates. His television appearances include CBS Morning Show, Good Morning Amedca, ABC Evening News and Disney Channel Presents.

Rick serves as a consultant on Learning Disabilities for PBS, New York Times, National Center for Learning Disabilities, Girl Scouts of America, Child Magazine and WETA.

Rick is probably best known for his best selling books and videos, "How Difficult Can This Be?: The F.A.T. City Workshop" and "Last One Picked, First One Picked On: The Social Implications of Learning Disabilities".

Break-Out Sessions:

Morning Workshops 10:30 - 12:15

Session 1: Event Center A
**Specific Strategies to Motivate the Struggling Student
Expanding on his keynote.**
Presenter: Dr. Richard Lavoie

Session 2: Event Center E
**SWAT - Approaching writing in a step by step manner, going from the simple to the complex, enables students to become confident and competent writers.
Expanding on her Keynote**
Presenter: Diana Hanbury King

Session 3: Room 1
**The importance of developing a "profile approach" to reading disabilities. We will discuss: A review of the role of specific standardized tests of reading and written language and discuss how these measures fit in with the current evaluation process in the area of dyslexia: How this fits with the screening and diagnostic decision-making process in the Tier I-II levels: Assisting in the development of classroom intervention and compensation techniques:
Long-term goals including the support of appropriate accommodations and the development of self-advocacy skills. The presentation is designed to present information as well as open discussion.**
Presenter: Melissa Behrens-Blake (Repeated in the afternoon)
Melissa Behrens-Blake: Educational Diagnostician at the University of New Mexico. Melissa is active in research projects and works with doctoral students in the area of neuropsychological testing. Over the past several years she has focused on the documentation process and serves as consultant to Bar Examiners in several states as well as reviewing documentation submitted for students applying for accommodations on the ACT.

Session 4: Room 2
Turn Reluctant Math Students into Enthusiastic Learners Through Games and Hands-on Activities
Practice and reinforcement is essential for mastery of skills in the math content area. Hands-on games and activities to promote mastery will be demonstrated and played by participants during this interactive workshop. Each activity can be adapted to different instructional levels. Participants will understand how to modify the activities for each grade and take away ideas to incorporate into your classrooms the next day. Topics include: Attributes, Patterns, Place Value, Geometry, Numeral Formation, Addition and Subtraction Strategies, Multiplication and Division Strategies, Rounding, and Fractions.
Presenter: Beth Franks (Repeated in the afternoon)
Beth Franks is the Lower School Mathematics Chair at Jemicy School, a national renowned school for dyslexics, in Owings Mills, Maryland.
She is a frequent presenter of multi-sensory math workshops at the Association of Independent Maryland Schools conferences, in Baltimore, and for the International Dyslexia Association. She has published a booklet for Verticy Learning, titled The Math Companion (Grades 3-8).

Session 5: Room 3
Please Understand Me - What Students With Dyslexia want Teachers to Know
Dyslexia -What are the facts and what are the myths? What is the current research? How do we bring out the talents in students with dyslexia in all content areas? This bright students can be the best and the brightest but they need your understanding. This session will provide educators and parents a clear research based understanding of dyslexia and related challenges. Included will be information and tools they need to assist students in being the best they can be.
Presenter: Elenn Steinberg (Repeated in the Afternoon)
Elenn Steinberg: President of the International Dyslexia Association's Rocky Mountain Branch. She was co-chair of the Colorado Special Education Advisory Committee from 2001-2009. She is a founding member of Literate Nation, a national organization dedicated to literacy for all students. Elenn is a literacy consultant for the Colorado Department of Education, schools, and individuals. In addition, she has a full time tutoring practice working with students at-risk for acquiring literacy. She is in high demand as a speaker. She and her husband, Eric, are parents of a high-school senior with dyslexia.

12:15 - 1:15 LUNCH

Afternoon Workshops 1:15 - 3:15

Session 6: Event Center A
(Repeat of Morning Session)

Session 7: Event Center E
Breathing Fire into the Reluctant Writer
Visit the magical world of Druidawn, a fantasy based role playing game and creative writing program especially designed for reluctant writers grades 2-8, including the dyslexic and twice exceptional students.
The Presentors will demonstrate this proven program, plus other techniques, for creating enthusiasm and joy for writing.
Presenters: Pam Salvage and Christian Holman
Pamela Savage, M.Ed, ABD (Doctoral Candidate) is a Colorado licensed teacher at the Liberty School. She majored in Educational Psychology at UCLA with an emphasis on Cognitive and Personality development. She was an educational consultant in private practice for 10 years and a classroom teacher for 14 years.
Christian Holmen, B.A. English, teaches Math, Science and Writing at Liberty School. Christian has been teaching in the classroom for eleven years. He has also worked as a hockey coach, ski instructor, and private tutor. Christian taught at the Telluride Mountain School for eight years, and has been with the Liberty School since 2008, also working with the Durango Mountain Camp as a writing teacher.

Session 8: Room 1
(Repeat of Morning Session)

Session 9: Room 2
(Repeat of Morning Session)

Session 10: Room 3
(Repeat of Morning Session)

Closing Presentation (Event Center) 3:15 - 3:45